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Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2018/227 and past practices, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit the report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The report provides a summary of the activities since the forty-ninth session of the Statistical Commission. It summarizes work on the preparation of a document on the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data, including recommendations for the establishment of a financing mechanism, and the launch of the Dubai Declaration, and provides an update on the second United Nations World Data Forum, held from 22 to 24 October 2018 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. It also provides an update on the next steps towards a more efficient coordination of the United Nations statistical system. Discussions will be focused on each topic separately.

Points for decision by the Commission include: (a) approval of the document on the implementation of the Global Action Plan and the Dubai Declaration; (b) review and approval of the recommendations for a more efficient coordination of the United Nations statistical system; and (c) review and approval of the proposed workplan of the High-level Group for 2019.

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I. Introduction

1. The High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was established at the forty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission. It is composed of representatives from 22 national statistical offices and operates under the auspices of the Statistical Commission. In its decision 46/101,[1] the Commission tasked the High-level Group with providing strategic leadership for the implementation process related to the Sustainable Development Goals as it concerned statistical monitoring and reporting and fostering statistical capacity-building, partnership and coordination.

II. Meetings of the High-level Group

A. Eleventh meeting, 9 and 10 May 2018, Rabat

2. The 11th meeting of the High-level Group was hosted by the High Commission for Planning of Morocco in Rabat on 9 and 10 May 2018. The main objectives of the meeting were: (a) to discuss proposed financing mechanisms for capacity development, (b) to review preparations of the Dubai outcome document on the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data and financing for statistics, (c) to review the preparations for the second United Nations World Data Forum, to be held in October 2018 in Dubai and (d) to review the supporting documents for the creation of the position of United Nations chief statistician.

3. At the meeting, the High-level Group agreed upon the programme for the second United Nations World Data Forum and the High-level Group's inputs for sessions. It also discussed and agreed on the need for follow-up to the Global Action Plan and related outcome documents for the Forum. These documents include implementation of the Global Action Plan and financing for data, along with a declaration that would carry forward the vision and strategic objectives of the Global Action Plan (see below). The main outcomes of the meeting included agreement on the preparation of the documents for the forum in Dubai (a declaration and a document on the implementation of the Global Action Plan and financing for data); changing of the name of the subgroup on a more efficient statistical system to the "subgroup on a more efficient statistical system within the United Nations"; agreement that the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS 21) would be included as a standing issue partner in future open segments of meetings of the High-level Group; submission of comments to the Secretariat on the programme and additional sessions of the Forum related to the High-level Group; and discussions on the need to adequately transition new members into the work of the High-level Group after the 2019 rotation.

4. A side event was held on 8 May 2018 with representatives from the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century, the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data and its Board, and the World Bank, which covered better collaboration among the various actors working to support the national

[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2015, Supplement No. 4* (E/2015/24), chap. I, sect. C.

statistical systems and explored in depth financing and funding mechanisms and frameworks to support national statistical systems. It was agreed that improving collaboration among partners of the High-level Group and other partners, including the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century, the World Bank and the Global Partnership, would facilitate capacity-building for statistics at the global level, even beyond 2030.

B. Twelfth meeting, 21 and 25 October 2018, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

5. The 12th meeting of the High-level Group was held over two days, 21 and 25 October 2018 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The main objectives of the 12th meeting were: (a) to review and make a decision about the proposals for the host country of the third United Nations World Data Forum; (b) to discuss and agree upon the Dubai Declaration; (c) to review and discuss work on financing for data and statistics; (d) to review and discuss the proposal for a more efficient United Nations statistical system; and (e) to take initial stock of the experiences of the second Forum.

6. The High-level Group reviewed the bids and took a decision on the host for the third Forum and took initial stock of the outcome of the second Forum (see below). The role of the host country in the programmatic aspects of the Forum was also discussed extensively. It was stressed that determining how to allow the host country to be highlighted within the scope of the Forum, while ensuring that the event remained clearly a United Nations event and did not become a national showcase, could be a challenge. Furthermore, it was agreed that the host country would remain an ex officio member of the committee without a role in the development of the content and programmatic aspects of the event.

7. The main outcomes under each agenda item of the meeting are covered below under the substantive sections of the paper.

III. United Nations World Data Forum

A. Background

8. Following one of the main recommendations contained in the report entitled "A world that counts", presented in November 2014 by the Secretary-General's Independent Expert Advisory Group on the Data Revolution for Sustainable Development, the Statistical Commission agreed that a United Nations world data forum on sustainable development data would be the suitable platform for intensifying cooperation with various professional groups, such as information technology professionals, geospatial information managers, data scientists and users, as well as civil society stakeholders.

9. The decision on which country will host the event is made through an open call for expressions of interest to host the Forum, sent from the Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York. The expressions of interest are followed up by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat; interested countries are invited to submit a more detailed bid to host the Forum. The High-level Group reviews the offers, invites selected countries to present their bids and takes a decision.

10. The first United Nations World Data Forum was held in January 2017 in Cape Town, South Africa. The second Forum was held in October 2018 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

11. At the 12th meeting of the High-level Group, on 21 October 2018, the High-level Group agreed that the next Forum would be hosted in Switzerland in 2020 (see below for additional information).

B. Second Forum

12. The second United Nations World Data Forum was hosted by the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority of the United Arab Emirates from 22 to 24 October 2018, with support from the Statistics Division, under the guidance of the Statistical Commission and the High-level Group.

13. Across the more than 85 sessions encompassing the six thematic areas of the Forum, progress in addressing some of the key challenges related to sustainable development were showcased, new initiatives were launched and some new work streams were identified. Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed spoke at the opening of the Forum.

14. Over 2,000 participants from more than 100 countries attended the Forum. Different data communities were well represented, including civil society organizations, research institutions, private sector entities, geospatial entities and national statistical systems. Attendance at the second Forum was larger and more diverse than at the first forum, showing the increased level of collaboration across different data communities. Overall, there was a general sentiment of a new community of data experts and statisticians coming together with common goals under the brand of the United Nations World Data Forum.

15. The programme of the Forum was developed by a programme committee composed of representatives from various data communities. Through an open call for proposals, an exceptional collection of proposals were submitted by a large variety of stakeholders. In total, over 480 proposals were received. The programme committee, with assistance from the Secretariat, conducted multiple rounds of review of the proposals. Attempts were made to merge similar proposals, or to incorporate additional elements into existing proposals in order to strengthen the final programme and allow as many contributions as possible. The High-level Group, as the guiding body, reviewed the final suggestions presented by the programme committee and made final decisions on the programmatic context. The High-level Group also developed some sessions to highlight important topics, such as its work on efficient coordination of the United Nations statistical system and on financing for data and statistics.

16. One important topic discussed by the programme committee was the assessment of the impact of the Forum. In that context, the programme committee organized a session to reflect on the evolution of the Forum over time and to assess its impact. It was recommended that follow-up and assessment of the impact of the Forum continue to be highlighted at future events.

17. Suggestions by members of the programme committee and members of the High-level Group on the second United Nations World Data Forum included the following: include more variety in the format of the sessions; organize real debates on key topics; incorporate a dedicated space to highlight new initiatives and work by organizations; allow for quick presentations on proposals that were not accepted in the official programme; provide additional oversight on how multiple proposals are combined; engage with and promote youth participation through dedicated initiatives; continue efforts to bring more policymakers to future forums; and secure a venue that is more compact so that delegates do not have to move between multiple buildings.

18. The Forum concluded with the Dubai Declaration (see below), which reaffirms the Global Action Plan as the common framework for the global data and statistical community to carry out the work to improve data for sustainable development and calls for the establishment of an innovative funding facility for data that is entirely demand-driven, under the guidance of representatives of statistical systems and different data and donor communities.

C. Third Forum

19. In January 2018, a call for expressions of interest to host the third United Nations World Data Forum was sent by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York. Member States were invited to submit their expressions of interest by 31 March 2018. Six expressions of interest were received. Initial replies were followed up with a request for full proposals to be submitted to the Secretariat by 31 August 2018. Three full bids were submitted by the deadline. After an initial review, two bidding countries were invited to present their proposals to the High-level Group in Dubai.

20. At its 12th meeting, on 21 October 2018, after presentations by the bidding countries and careful consideration of all aspects and discussions, the High-level Group decided that the third United Nations World Data Forum would be held in Bern from 18 to 21 October 2020. The opening ceremony is planned for Sunday, 18 October, followed by three full days of the event.

21. The Statistics Division, as the secretariat of the High-level Group and the programme committee, will coordinate with the host country's statistical office, the Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland, to ensure the success of the Forum. A programme committee will be formed in early 2019. It will discuss and review the six original thematic areas, which will again be used as the guide for developing the programmatic content.

IV. Implementation the Cape Town Global Action Plan

A. Notes on the implementation of the Global Action Plan

22. Over the past year, the joint subgroup of the High-level Group and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, along with the Secretariat, have collected examples of the implementation of the Global Action Plan. The collection of country-level examples is essential to an understanding of how the Global Action Plan is being implemented and how to link it to the work on financing. Through an online consultation,[2] examples can still be added for consideration and inclusion in the online collection.

B. Better data for sustainable development: implementing the Global Action Plan

23. The joint subgroup of the High-level Group and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group, led by Denmark, developed a paper entitled "Better data for sustainable development: implementing the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Data for the 2030 Agenda", which is being transmitted to the Commission as a background document.

[2] The online consultation is available through 15 February 2019 from http://bit.ly/CTGAP-Implementation.

24. The paper focuses on the financing aspects of statistical capacity-building and the development of a financing mechanism, and sets out guiding principles for the implementation of the Global Action Plan. The success of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, data needs for which have created short-, medium- and long-term challenges, must be addressed in a timely and efficient manner. To meet these challenges, the paper calls for the establishment of a transparent financing mechanism open to all stakeholders, including public and private ones, which allows for financing in terms of both monetary inputs and the provision of in-kind transfers, and allows for openness in combining funding. Another important role of the mechanism is to ensure and maximize the effectiveness of financing for capacity-building.

25. The paper calls for the funding mechanism to be created under the mandate of the Statistical Commission as its ultimate stakeholder and for strong and efficient governance and an oversight structure. The High-level Group is the main body of the Statistical Commission to oversee the implementation of the mechanism. Furthermore, in order to strengthen political support for the implementation of the Global Action Plan, it is suggested that the oversight mechanism reach beyond the Statistical Commission and draw from the Statistical Commission (and the High-level Group) and key donors, data communities and implementing agencies, who will guide decisions on the operational modalities and ways of raising resources. The Statistical Commission will oversee the implementation of the Global Action Plan through its annual reviews. Furthermore, it is recommended that implementation of the Global Action Plan also be considered by the high-level political forum on sustainable development as part of overall deliberations on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

26. The secretariat function for the mechanism would be housed at an international organization with full membership, such as the World Bank, and would be a semi-autonomous unit that would take advantage of the institutional set-up, as well as experiences dealing with large financial funding mechanisms, leverage the institution's operational capability and provide unique access to ministers of finance.

27. The global financing mechanism would be an umbrella structure to coordinate and consolidate existing and future inputs for the implementation of the Global Action Plan, and provide a system to promote coherence among the different approaches and projects being undertaken in the national settings. The implementation of the Global Action Plan will be country-led and country-driven, with national priorities at the centre of implementation.

28. The High-level Group carried out various review processes incorporating comments from various key stakeholders via an online consultation through the High-level Group's website. One of the important steps envisaged by the High-level Group was a dialogue bringing together the donor community with the High-level Group and recipient countries to discuss ways to shift the paradigm towards establishing a stronger voice for data and statistics for the donor community and to provide a platform to discuss the High-level Group's paper and recommendations. A meeting called by Switzerland will take place in January 2019 in Bern. This meeting will bring together representatives from donors and foundations with members of the High-level Group, as well as other relevant stakeholders. It was suggested at the October 2018 meeting of the High-level Group that a synthesis document was needed to inform the Bern meeting. That document would include the Declaration and the High-level Group's paper. The High-level Group would provide inputs on its work. It was suggested that the Bern meeting be directed at the principals level and include funding and aid agencies, together with High-level Group representation.

V. Dubai Declaration

29. The High-level Group agreed at its May 2018 meeting in Rabat that it was important to have an outcome document that could attract political attention at every forum and that there would be a Dubai Declaration at the second United Nations World Data Forum.

30. The Dubai Declaration (see annex I) was prepared by a subgroup led by South Africa, with inputs from Denmark, Switzerland and the State of Palestine and assistance by the Secretariat. (For information on membership, see annex III). The Declaration has two essential elements: implementation and financing of the Global Action Plan. The High-level Group discussed and agreed that the Dubai Declaration would need to be agreed upon by the Statistical Commission, especially since some of the operational paragraphs granted the Commission such a prominent role. Furthermore, it was agreed that it would be useful to gain higher levels of support for the Declaration beyond the Statistical Commission.

31. During the second United Nations World Data Forum, the Declaration was posted on the website of the Forum for comments from the participants. (Comments were received from 18 entities.) The revised declaration incorporating comments was announced during the closing plenary of the Forum on 24 October 2018.

32. It was agreed that the Declaration was the official outcome document of the Forum.

VI. Joint subgroup of the High-level Group and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group

33. At its forty-seventh session, the Commission established the joint subgroup and, at the forty-ninth session, endorsed its workplan. The joint subgroup held a meeting on the margins of the forty-ninth session of the Commission to discuss immediate priorities, including the organization of a joint survey with the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century, and the work on financing.

34. Over the past year, the joint subgroup has been key in the development of the background document entitled "Better data for sustainable development: implementing the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Data for the 2030 Agenda", as described above.

VII. Subgroup on a more efficient statistical system within the United Nations

35. At its forty-ninth session, the Commission recognized the need for stronger coordination and a more efficient United Nations statistical system. It requested the High-level Group to report back to the Commission at its fiftieth session with a proposal that further clarified the role, seniority and functions of the proposed position of chief statistician, among other options, taking into account what was likely to improve global statistical performance in a wider context of ongoing reform processes in the United Nations. The paper prepared by the subgroup, led by Switzerland and Mongolia, covers issues that require stronger coordination within the United Nations statistical system, including different approaches and recommendations on how to achieve stronger coordination and establish a stronger voice for official statistics.

36. The recommendations of the subgroup are: (a) to strengthen the existing mechanism through a series of 7 steps (outlined in the background paper) and (b) within the context of United Nations reform, to raise awareness of the role of statistics at high political levels.

37. The paper entitled "Modernization of the United Nations statistical system: a more effective and efficient United Nations statistical system in the era of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and beyond" is being transmitted to the Commission as a background document.

VIII. Workplan for 2019

38. The High-level Group agreed on a work plan for 2019 focusing on (a) continued implementation of the Global Action Plan and financing for data and statistics, including the next steps in the development of the financing mechanism; (b) further developments in the work on a more efficient United Nations statistical system; and (c) the third United Nations World Data Forum. The details of the workplan are contained in annex II below.

IX. Points for decision

39. The Statistical Commission is invited to:

(a) Approve the Dubai Declaration and recommend the next steps for its consideration at a higher political level;

(b) Review and approve the recommendations for a more efficient coordination of the United Nations statistical system;

(c) Review and approve the proposed workplan of the High-level Group for 2019.

Annex I*

Dubai Declaration: Supporting the Implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data

1. We, the participants gathered here in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, for the 2018 United Nations World Data Forum, from national statistical offices and other parts of the national statistical systems, other data communities, government institutions, private sector, civil society, academia, and media.

2. *Stressing* that the full ambition of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 agenda) cannot be realized without quality, timely, relevant, open and disaggregated data to ensure that no one is left behind.

3. *Recognizing* that the 2030 agenda requires that national statistical systems transform and develop to be agile and responsive to meet the increased demands of data users, including for the full implementation of the 2030 agenda.

4. *Recognising* that the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data (CTGAP), launched at the first United Nations World Data Forum held in Cape Town, South Africa in January 2017 and adopted by the UN Statistical Commission, and welcomed by member states in the General Assembly resolution 71/313,[1] guides the implementation of programmes and activities to respond to the data needs of the 2030 Agenda.

5. *Stressing* the need to support fundamental data collection programmes, such as the 2020 population and housing census round.

6. *Stressing* the importance of coordination across the statistical system, including better use and integration of administrative data sources.

7. *Acknowledging* that the data demands for the 2030 Agenda require urgent new, standards-based and interoperable solutions that leverage the power of new data sources and technologies through partnerships between national statistical authorities and the private sector, civil society, and the academia and other research institutions.

8. *Acknowledging* that the 2030 Agenda explicitly calls for enhanced support for strengthening data collection and capacity-building in Member States and the capacity of national statistical offices and data systems to ensure access to high-quality, timely, relevant and disaggregated data.

9. Further *acknowledging* that in the 2030 agenda Member States committed to "promote transparent and accountable scaling-up of appropriate public-private cooperation to exploit the contribution to be made by a wide range of data, including earth observation and geospatial information, while ensuring national ownership in supporting and tracking progress".[2]

10. Stressing that many national statistical systems still face serious challenges and as a result, accurate and timely data about people's lives are lacking and many people remain "invisible".

11. Recognizing that ensuring and maximizing the effectiveness of financing for new and innovative forms of capacity development is essential for the success of implementation of the CTGAP, and that innovative funding strategies and

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[1] General Assembly resolution 71/313, *Work of the UN Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, A/RES/71/313 (10 July 2017), available from undocs.org/A/RES/71/313.

[2] General Assembly resolution 70/1, *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, A/RES/67/97 (21 October 2015), available from undocs.org/A/RES/70/1.

coordinated country-led actions that focus on national priorities are needed to bridge the existing funding gap.

12. *Recognizing* that trust among producers and users of data and statistics is key for the effective functioning of the national, regional, and global statistical systems in full adherence with the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.

We resolve to:

13. Ensure that quality, relevant, timely, open and disaggregated data "by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability and geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts"[3] are made available and accessible to all users.

14. Work in a collaborative manner to bring all data communities together to implement the CTGAP, our common framework for the modernization and strengthening of statistical systems, and the design and implementation of country-led statistical capacity building activities necessary to achieve the 2030 agenda.

15. Undertake key actions under the six strategic areas of the CTGAP and establish partnerships to leverage the power of new data sources and technologies to provide data to inform decision-making and investment, while ensuring the central role of national statistical offices as they work under a mature framework of principles and practices to assure that statistical data products meet the highest standards.

We are determined to:

16. Mobilise financing at domestic and international levels and ensure political commitment within each country for adequate allocation of domestic resources to strengthen data systems to address existing gaps in the technical and institutional capacities of national data and statistical systems to improve the coverage, frequency, and availability of quality data. Increased availability of sustainable development data, with the vital support of governments and in closer working partnerships with stakeholders from academia, civil society, the private sector, and the public at large, will enable stronger evidence-based decision making.

We call for:

17. The establishment of an innovative funding mechanism, open to all stakeholders under UN membership oversight, that is able to respond in a fast and efficient manner to the priorities of national data and statistical systems, with a goal to mobilize both domestic and international funds and activate partnerships and funding opportunities to strengthen the capacity of national data and statistical systems. The funding mechanism, entirely demand-driven, will be created under the mandate of the UN Statistical Commission and operate under the guidance of representatives of national statistical systems and different data and donor communities who will support the decision making on the operational modalities and on raising resources to address the data needs for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and will be serviced by a Secretariat located at an international institution with global membership.

Dubai, 24 October 2018

[3] Ibid., para. 74 (g).

Annex II

Proposed workplan for 2019 of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda

As the main body providing strategic oversight of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the Statistical Commission, the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda in 2019 continues to focus its work on the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data, the development of the financing mechanism, the next steps for a more efficient United Nations statistical system and the preparatory work for the third United Nations World Data Forum.

Examples and practices in the implementation of the Global Action Plan are essential to understand how national statistical offices and the wider statistical system are working to fulfil the data needs of the 2030 Agenda. Thus, the High-level Group will finalize the implementation notes in 2019. Together with the Statistics Division and other key stakeholders, the High-level Group will elaborate on the financing mechanism and related work. In the area of a more efficient United Nations statistical system, the High-level Group will carry out the work as agreed upon at the fiftieth session of the Statistical Commission. For the preparatory work on the third United Nations World Data Forum, the Secretariat will lead the work with the programme committee and the High-level Group.

Throughout the year, the High-level Group will contribute to other high-level events, including side events held during the fiftieth session of the Statistical Commission and at the high-level political forum segments and/or meetings of the General Assembly.

The High-level Group will conduct its work through electronic means, with a few face-to-face meetings planned in the second and fourth quarters of 2019. In the second quarter, there will be a rotation of membership, coordinated with the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, carried out through the regional commissions.

Proposed workplan

I. Implementation of the Global Action Plan and financing for data and statistics

- A. Implementation of the Global Action Plan

  Notes on implementation: finalization of the online tool

- B. Financing for data and statistics

  1. Establishment of the governance and oversight structure

  2. Liaising with other key stakeholders on capacity development activities

II. A more efficient United Nations statistical system

Implementation of next steps as agreed by the Commission

III. Third United Nations World Data Forum

Preparatory work led by the Secretariat with the programme committee and the High-level Group

IV. Contributions of the High-level Group

A. March 2019: side events at the Statistical Commission

B. July 2019: High-level political forum on sustainable development

C. September 2019: General Assembly and high-level political forum on sustainable development

V. Meetings

A. Thirteenth meeting, 3 March 2019 (prior to the fiftieth session of the Statistical Commission)

1. Implementation of the Global Action Plan and work on financing

2. A more efficient United Nations statistical system

3. Membership rotation and transition planning

4. High-level political forum on sustainable development 2019 segments: July (under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council) and September (under the auspices of the General Assembly)

B. Fourteenth meeting, second quarter of 2019, Mongolia (to be confirmed)

C. Fifteenth meeting, fourth quarter of 2019, location to be decided

*1. Membership

A. Rotation: late in the second quarter of 2019 (new members start 1 June 2019)

B. Development of a plan for transition of members into the work streams of the High-level Group

Annex III

Membership of the subgroups of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

1. Joint subgroup of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators: Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Egypt, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, United Republic of Tanzania and State of Palestine

2. Subgroup on a more efficient statistical system within the United Nations: Angola, Argentina, Italy, Mongolia, South Africa, Suriname, Switzerland and State of Palestine

3. Subgroup working on the outcome documents for the second United Nations World Data Forum: Argentina, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Hungary, Morocco, Myanmar, South Africa, Switzerland and State of Palestine